

Tennessee Ethics Commission
August 9, 2011
Minutes

The Tennessee Ethics Commission met on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance office. Members present were: Greg Hardeman, George Jaynes, Pam Martin, Jim Stranch and Tammy White.

The first order of business was to elect a chairperson. Mr. Hardeman nominated Mr. Stranch as chair. Ms. White seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

June 17, 2011 Minutes

Mr. Jaynes moved to approve the June 17, 2011 minutes and Ms. White seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Requests for Reconsideration

Patricia King – 2010-175 (Candidate for Algood City Council)

Upon consideration that Ms. King had now filed the Statement of Interests, Mr. Hardeman moved to waive the \$5,000 civil penalty previously assessed. Mr. Jaynes seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Karen Tyler – 2010-140 (Candidate for Probate Court Clerk – Shelby County)

Ms. White moved to reduce the assessed civil penalty of \$10,000 to \$500 and Mr. Jaynes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

John Duncan – 2010-142 (Candidate for Trustee – Knox County)

Mr. Jaynes moved to defer reconsideration until the next meeting and Ms. Martin seconded. The motion passed 4-0 with Ms. White recusing herself from the vote.

Lester Scott – 2011-023 (School Board Member – Carroll County)

Mr. Hardeman moved to waive the \$100 assessed civil penalty and Ms. Martin seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Clair G. Cochran – 2011-040 (Alderman of McMinnville)

Ms. White moved to reduce the assessed \$250 civil penalty to \$50. Mr. Hardeman seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Andy Beene – 2011-032 – (Graysville City Commissioner)

Mr. Beene requested that the reconsideration be deferred until the next meeting. Mr. Hardeman moved to grant the deferment and Mr. Jaynes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mike Alder – 2010-028 (Lobbyist)

Mr. Alder appeared before the Commission and requested reconsideration of the assessed \$750 civil penalty. Mr. Hardeman moved to waive the penalty since it was Mr. Alder's first appearance before the Commission. Mr. Jaynes seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Assessments – Lobbyists

Mike Alder – 2010-043

Mr. Alder requested that the Commission not assess a civil penalty for failure to timely pay a registration fee (4 days late). Mr. Hardeman made the motion to waive any civil penalty and Mr. Jaynes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Assessments – Employers of Lobbyists

Kodak Land Co., LLC – 2011-044

Mr. Hardeman moved to waive a civil penalty for failure to timely file the expenditure report. Ms. White seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Pates Ford Marina – 2011-045

Ms. White moved to waive a civil penalty for failure to timely file the expenditure report. Mr. Jaynes seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee – 2011-046

Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the ACLU, appeared before the Commission and requested that the Commission not assess a civil penalty as this was the first time the ACLU had been late in filing. Ms. White moved to waive a civil penalty and Mr. Jaynes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Nexus Communications – 2011-048

Mr. Hardeman moved to waive a civil penalty assessment for failure to timely file and Ms. Martin seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Thomson Healthcare, Inc. – 2011-047

Mr. Hardeman moved to waive a civil penalty assessment for failure to timely file and Ms. White seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Energy Solutions Providers LLC – 2011-049

Mr. Hardeman moved to assess a \$250 civil penalty for failure to file and Mr. Jaynes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Audits – Lobbyists

The 2009 lobbyist registration audit report was presented to the Commission. The Commission accepted the audit findings.

Contested Case Hearing – Coleman Thompson – 2010-137 (Candidate – Register of Deeds – Shelby County)

Mr. Hardeman moved to have the contested case hearing heard by an Administrative Law Judge. Ms. White seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned.